(c) The above measures have contributed to a marginal increase of 5.5% in the production of crude oil in the IX Plan period, as compared to the VIII Plan period.

(d) "India Hydrocarbon Vision-2025" lays down the frame work of the approach and policies that shall guide the Hydrocarbon Sector for the period upto 2025. Keeping in view the above approach, the thrust areas identified for the X Plan, *inter alia*, include:

- Acceleration of exploration efforts, especially in deep offshore and frontier areas,
- Improved Oil Recovery (IOR)/Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)
- Efficiency improvement which includes benchmarking of the hydrocarbon sector with international standards.

New Gas agencies at Supaul District (Bihar)

†2110. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal of starting gas agencies at Supaul, Pipara and Karjain Bazar of Supaul district in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when gas distribution centres are likely to become operational at the said places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) At presnet, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has a plan to set up a regular LPG distributorship at Supaul in place of terminated distributorship, in Supaul District in Bihar. It is not possible to indicate the exact time for commissioning of the agency. However, it usually take 6-12 months for commissioning of the agency from the date of interview for the said location.

Provision of CNG to Uttaranchal

†2111. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some steps are going to be taken by his Ministry to provide CNG fuel in those States which are sensitive from the point of view of environment;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether there is a proposal to connect Haldwani and Dehradun of Uttaranchal State which is sensitive from the point of view of environment, with Aanvla and Sahibabad gas pipe line; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Infrastructure for supply of natural gas and CNG is created in a phased manner at different cities subject to availability of natural gas, technical feasibility and economic viability of the project. Accordingly, feasibility studies have established viability of creating CNG facilities at Kanpur, Lucknow, Agra, Faridabad and Pune.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement between OIL and RAPL for gas supply

2112. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to revise the agreement signed between RAPL and OIL to supply Gas at cheap rate for the establishment of Gas Cracker Unit of Assam;

(b) whether the agreement for supplying gas to RAPL has been made between RAPL and ONGC;

(c) if so, the details of terms and conditions;

(d) whether the negotiation is on to have agreement of LPG supply to RAPL by IOC; and

(e) if so, by when it will be signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The draft agreement between RAPL and ONGC has been initiated by ONGC and RAPL pending finalisation of issue of total feedstock tie up for meeting requirement of 2,00,000 tonnes ethylene per annum by RAPL. The draft agreement contain 436 clauses covering in detail all aspects of supply of gas by ONGC to RAPL.

(d) Yes, Sir.